--- Canada Customs - Cigars - "Series of 1864" - 27 & 28 Vict. - Cap. III ---

--- lithographed by "George Desbarats & Son", Montreal - the design measures 95 x 95 mm. ---

--- in BLUE ink - on *vertically laid* paper - scanned at 75% scale ---

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Chris Ryan, "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No. 39, of May 2002

"These lithographed tobacco stamps were purchased from the then current incarnation of Burland's lithographing company and sold to the government at an advance over the purchase price. ... As was the case with the previous typographed stamps, the new lithographed stamps did not have serial numbers. However, unlike the previous issues, the stamps were supplied *without gum* and it was now the responsibility of the tobacco manufacturers to supply a suitable adhesive. ...

From its formation in 1867, through to 1881, the Customs Department made their own separate arrangements for the blue stamps used on imported tobacco products. As a consequence of this, the initial Customs versions of these stamps did not appear until 1869".

The catalogue lists the 1864 "square" CANADA CUSTOMS blue Cigar stamps as follows:

RG-13 - EXCISE and **Coll.I.R.** error, imperf, on *unwmkd* vertically laid blue-grey paper with 18 mm batonne lines
RG-14 - CUSTOMS, Cigars, imperf, on *unwmkd* vertically laid blue-grey paper with 18 mm lines (**RG-13** corrected)
RG-14a - CUSTOMS, Cigars, imperf, *diag wmkd* EXCISE only, 27 mm batonne lines, vertically laid salmon paper
RG-15 - CUSTOMS, Cigars, perf 12½, *diag wmkd* EXCISE only, 27 mm batonne lines, vertically laid salmon paper
RG-15a - CUSTOMS, Cigars, perf 12½, *diag wmkd* (crown / EXCISE / 1867) vertically laid white paper, 27 mm batonne

The catalogue lists the 1864 "diamond" CANADA CUSTOMS blue Cigar stamps as follows:

RG-16 - CUSTOMS, Cigars, perf 12½, *diag wmkd* EXCISE only, 27 mm batonne lines, vertically laid salmon paper

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When oriented as shown in the scanned illustration, the laid lines run *vertically* up-and-down the stamp. This *orientation* and *terminology* will be used throughout the section.

★**RG-15** - CANADA CUSTOMS, Cigars, blue, *perforated 12½*, *diagonally watermarked* EXCISE only, used in *1867* at *Toronto*, on *vertically laid* white paper with 27 mm. batonne lines, with Entry No. *948*, signed by *George Henderson / pro* **Coll. Cust.**

★**RG-14** - CANADA CUSTOMS, Cigars, blue, imperforate, *unwatermarked*,
on *vertically laid* white paper with 18 mm. batonne lines, Entry No. *7137*,
used in *1866* at *Quebec*, value $*3?* per M. signed by *James Thompson / pro* **Coll. Cust.**

RG-15a - CANADA CUSTOMS, Cigars, blue, *perforated 12½*, on *vertically laid* paper with 27 mm. batonne lines,
diagonally watermarked (**crown** / ***EXCISE*** / ***1867***), used in *1867* at *Toronto*,
value $2 per M., signed by *George Henderson / pro* **Coll. Cust.** - ***from the collection of Fritz Angst*** - **WANTED!**

★**RG-16** - lithographed in blue ink on *vertically laid* cream-coloured paper, with 27 mm batonne lines,
diag wmkd ***EXCISE*** only, *perforated 12½*,
dated *1867* at *Montreal*, Entry No. *32367*, signed *T.D. Reed / pro* **Coll. Cust.**
"Val. per M." seems to be listed as *1*

★**RG-16** - lithographed in blue ink on *vertically laid* cream-coloured paper, with 27 mm batonne lines,
diag wmkd ***EXCISE*** only, *perforated 12½*,
dated *1867* at *Montreal*, Entry No. *33434*, signed *T.D. Reed / pro* **Coll. Cust.**
"Val. per M." seems to be listed as *1* - the circle is the upper flourish from *Reed*

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